

October 7, 2022 – 4:35 PM

Good Afternoon, Darrel,

Please see the attached approval letter for First UMC (Rockingham)'s Re-scheduled Church Conference. With Rev. Dr. Locklear, D.S. just finding out today that he has Covid, there is no one else available to take his place from the Conference.

First UMC (Rockingham) Church Charge Conference is Re-Schedule for the date October 19, 2022, @ 6:00 p.m.

Please keep him In your prayers as he goes through this terrible COVID virus that has hurt so many people in so many ways.

Mary Hartsell, AADS Gateway District

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First UMC (Rockingham)

410 E. Washington St.

Rockingham, NC 28379

Dear Rev. Darrel Bowles,

In response to your request in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016, and ¶246.7 & ¶248, this is to authorize a Church Conference for First United Methodist Church (Rockingham) on the **Re-scheduled date on October 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.** to be held at First United Methodist Church (Rockingham). I, Rev. Dr. Kenneth Locklear will preside over this Church Conference. The call, with proper ten days' notice, should indicate that the sole purpose of the Church Conference is to vote on disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church. Special attention shall be made to give broad notice to the full professing membership of the church in at least two ways (¶246.8) regarding the time and place of the Church Conference using all means possible, including electronic communication.

The decision to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the professing members of the local church present at the

Church Conference, ¶2553.3.

You will need to have a copy of the professing membership roll of the church available for the church conference for verifying those who are allowed to vote on the disaffiliation.

Your District Superintendent will provide paper ballots and the church will need to supply pens for all professing members for the written ballot.

If your church approves the disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church, at the Church Conference, please know that the actual disaffiliation will not take place until ratified at a session of the North Carolina Annual Conference, and only after all financial payments are made, with the effective date of disaffiliation being stated in the disaffiliation agreement.

Please print a hard copy of this permission letter to include in your local Charge Conference records.

Peace and Grace to you,

Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Locklear, DS Gateway District